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Vice Adm. William F. Raborn and President Johnson wind up a White House ceremony Wednesday. Adm. Raborn is wearing the National Security Medal presented to him by Mr. Johnson.

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CIA Defended by Johnson

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, — President Johnson defended the often criticized CIA Wednesday as he pinned a medal on Adm. William F. Raborn Jr. for his brief tour of duty as the agency's director.

He expressed "deep confidence in the expert and dedicated service of personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency."

"They work in silence," he said. "Sometimes they fail in silence. More often they succeed in silence."

"Sometimes they suffer in silence, for occasionally they are subject to criticism which they must not answer."

The National Security Medal

was awarded to Adm. Raborn in a ceremony in the White House East Room. Mr. Johnson noted that Adm. Raborn had a distinguished naval career, including the job of developing the Polaris submarine.

The President said when Adm. Raborn was called out of retirement last year to direct the CIA, the admiral stipulated only that he be relieved when a permanent director was chosen. Such a director, Richard Helms, a CIA career man, has now taken over.

Mr. Johnson praised Adm. Raborn for "incisive planning of long range intelligence needs and objectives." He also said the admiral set up new and im-

proved methods for "timely monitoring of international developments."